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Honorable Board of Commissioners
Housing Authority of the
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Commissioners:

**HEARING TO APPROVE THE 2007-2008 ACTION PLAN FOR THE ALLOCATION
OF FEDERAL FUNDS (ALL DISTRICTS)
(3 Vote)**

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE HOUSING
AUTHORITY:**

1. Authorize the Housing Authority to accept from the County of Los Angeles an estimated \$4,591,896 in Fiscal Year 2007-2008 (July 1, 2007 to July 30, 2008) Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds that will be requested for incorporation into the Housing Authority's Fiscal Year 2007-2008 budget through the Housing Authority's annual budget approval process subject to final notification of approval by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION:

The National Affordable Housing Act (NAHA) of 1990 (Cranston/Gonzalez Housing Act), as amended in 1992, requires that the County of Los Angeles provide a single, consolidated submission of the proposed expenditure of funds to be eligible for HUD formula grant funding, including CDBG, HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME), American Dream Downpayment Initiative Act (ADDI), and Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG). The Action Plan satisfies these federal requirements to provide for the release of funds.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:

There is no impact on the County general fund. The Action Plan allocates an estimated \$4,591,896 in new Thirty-third Program Year (July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008) CDBG funds that will be requested through the Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Housing Authority budget approval process.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS:

On May 23, 2006, your Board approved the fourth Action Plan (Fiscal Year 2006-2007) of the current five-year Consolidated Plan. The current annual Action Plan ends on June 30, 2007, and a new Action Plan must be adopted by your Board to continue receiving funding from HUD. The new Action Plan includes a description of the activities to be undertaken during the 2007-2008 Fiscal Year to address the objectives of the Consolidated Plan's five-year strategy, including the following Housing Authority projects:

	PROJECTS	
Project Title (District)	Project Description	Funding
Law Enforcement Gang Suppression – Nueva Maravilla (First)	Expanded supplemental law enforcement services that focus on the gang problem at the Nueva Maravilla housing development.	\$30,000
Sheriff's Youth Intervention Program for Nueva Maravilla (First)	Recreational and physical activities for public housing youth. Sheriffs to provide crime and drug intervention/prevention activities at the Nueva Maravilla housing development.	\$80,000

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Project Title (District)	Project Description	Funding
Youth In Focus Nueva Maravilla and Sundance Vista (First)	Photography program for at-risk youth that reside at the Maravilla and Sundance Vista Housing Developments, consisting of a curriculum that includes instruction on the technical aspects of photography. Program will serve age groups 8-21.	\$38,000
Nueva Maravilla Termite Abatement I (First)	Termite abatement and elimination of dry rot by repairing the wood components in resident units and common areas at Maravilla.	\$500,000
Nueva Maravilla Termite Abatement II (First)	Termite abatement and elimination of dry rot by repairing the wood components in resident units and common areas.	\$200,000 (Float Loan PI)
Law Enforcement Gang Suppression – Ujima & South Scattered Sites (Second)	Expanded supplemental law enforcement services that addresses the gang activity at the Ujima and South Scattered Sites housing developments	\$30,000
Bright Futures Childcare Rehabilitation (Second)	Development of the Bright Futures Child Care Center which includes rebuilding modular units that serve as a child care center operated by the L.A. Child Development Consortium. Upon completion, the facility will serve 92 children.	\$253,000
Youth In Focus – South Scattered Sites (Second)	Photography program for at-risk youth that reside at the South Scattered Sites Housing Developments consisting of a curriculum that includes instruction on the technical aspects of photography. Program will serve age groups 8-21.	\$15,000
Mary B. Henry Telemedicine Clinic (Second)	Operates as a satellite clinic of the Wilmington Community Clinic. Medical services, including pediatrics, tele-pediatric dermatology, child health, immunization will be provided to residents of the South Scattered Sites, and low-income families in surrounding communities.	\$90,000

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South Scattered Sites Termite Abatement (Second)	Termite abatement and elimination of dry rot by repairing wood components in resident's units at three South Scattered Sites.	\$200,000 (Float Loan PI)
Carmelitos Stairways Renovation I (Fourth)	Repair and rehabilitation of stairways in 469 family units at the Carmelitos housing development.	\$250,000
Carmelitos Stairways Renovation II (Fourth)	Repair and rehabilitation of stairways in 469 family units at the Carmelitos housing development.	\$1,000,000 (Float Loan PI)
Law Enforcement Gang Suppression – Harbor Hills and Carmelitos (Fourth)	Expanded supplemental law enforcement services that focus on the gang activity at the Carmelitos and Harbor Hills housing developments.	\$30,000
Family Learning Center (Fourth)	Supportive services such as English as a Second Language (ESL), open computer lab assistance, computer literacy classes, computer-based educational programs, homework assistance, arts and crafts and learning activities. Centers located at Carmelitos & Harbor Hills Housing Developments.	\$151,808
Youth In Focus – Carmelitos and Harbor Hills (Fourth)	Photography program for at-risk youth that reside at the Carmelitos and harbor Hills Housing Developments consisting of a curriculum that includes instruction on the technical aspects of photography. Program will serve age groups 8-21.	\$20,000
Palms/West Knoll ADA Compliance (Fifth)	Upgrade thirteen (13) bathrooms at the Foothill Villa housing development and Palms Apartments up to code and ADA compliance(ADA standards).	\$540,000 (Float Loan PI)
Foothill Villa Flooring (Fifth)	Replacement of flooring surfaces on all 62 units at the Foothill Villa housing development.	\$60,000 (Float Loan PI)
Quartz Hills I and II Property Improvements (Fifth)	Provide property improvements including re-surfacing of the parking lots and landscaping at both Quartz Hills I and II.	\$100,000

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University of California Cooperative Extension Program (Countywide)	Nutrition education program for seniors at the following housing developments: Maravilla, Francisquito Villa, Herbert Apartments, Southbay Gardens, Marina Manor I & II, West Knoll Apartments, Palm Apartments, King's Road, Harbor Hills, Carmelitos, Sundance Vista, Whittier Manor, Orchard Arms, Foothill Villa and Lancaster Homes.	\$50,000
Family Resource Centers (Countywide)	Supportive and clinical services for 200 residents such as: family and individual counseling, academic and career counseling, classes or programs on parenting skills, grief counseling, youth leadership, conflict resolution, drug awareness and truancy prevention.	\$257,068
Bright Futures Childcare Rehabilitation (Countywide)	Development of the Bright Futures Child Care Center. Which includes rebuilding of modular units that serve as a child care center operated by the L.A. Child Development Consortium. Upon completion, the facility will serve 92 children.	\$280,000
Service Learning Programs (Countywide)	Provides learning programs to public housing residents through the support of college students in the areas of after-school tutoring and mentoring, recreation, senior services, workforce development and educational workshops.	\$72,500
Resident Service Program (Countywide)	This new project provides the delivery of supportive resident services programs to public housing residents. Provides Resident Services programs including creative arts, youth leadership, senior services, workforce development, recreation and community events.	\$344,520
	TOTAL:	\$4,591 896

All public notice requirements contained in 24 Code of Federal Regulations Part 91 Section 91.105 of the NAHA for approval of the Action Plan have been satisfied. A total of four community meetings were held in September and October 2006. Comments received at these meetings have been incorporated into the Action Plan and were posted on the Commission website in late April 2007 to update the public regarding the comments received earlier at the meetings. Notices of the 30-day public comment period and public hearing were published in newspapers throughout the County and copies of the draft Action Plan were made available for review at public libraries. The public comment period will conclude on May 22, 2007.

All of the projects proposed in the Action Plan are being federally-funded. As applicable, the administering agencies will be subject to the prevailing wage requirements of the Davis-Bacon Act and related Acts and Section 3 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1968, as amended, which requires that employment and other economic opportunities generated by certain HUD assistance be directed to low- and very low-income persons, particularly to persons who are recipients of HUD housing assistance. However, where Section 3 is not applicable, the agencies will be subject to the County's Greater Avenues for Independence (GAIN) Program and General Relief Opportunity for Work (GROW) Program, which furthers the same or similar goals.

This letter has been reviewed by County Counsel. Similar letters are also being submitted to the Board of Supervisors and to the Board of Commissioners of the Community Development Commission for the May 22, 2007 Board meeting, for concurrent approval.

On April 25, 2007, the Housing Commission recommended approval of all Housing Authority projects contained in the Action Plan.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION:

The Action Plan is exempt from the provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) pursuant to 24 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 58, Section 58.34 (a)(1), because it is a planning document and does not involve activities that will alter existing environmental conditions. The Action Plan is not subject to the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines 15060(c)(3) and 15378, because it is not defined as a project under CEQA and does not have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment.


Each program within the Action Plan will be reviewed for environmental impact on a project-by-project basis before funding is released.

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IMPACT ON CURRENT PROJECTS:

The projects contained in the Action Plan will benefit low- and moderate-income residents of the unincorporated County and participating cities.

Respectfully submitted,


for CARLOS JACKSON
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